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SUBJECT: FMOD STATE SECRETARY MANN RETIRES EARLY

1. DURING A FAREWELL CALL ON DEFENSE MINISTER LEBER YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, HE TOLD ME THAT STATE SECRETARY MANN HAD SAID SIX MONTHS AGO THAT HE COULD NOT AGREE WITH GOVERNMENT POLICY ON DEFENSE ISSUES AND WANTED TO RETIRE PREMATURELY. LEBER EXPLAINED THAT, UNDER GERMAN LAW, STATE SECRETARIES CAN OPT FOR EARLY RETIREMENT IF THEY CAN NO LONGER SUPPORT GOVERNMENT POLICY. LEBER CONTINUED THAT HE URGED MANN TO STAY ON, WHICH THE STATE SECRETARY AGREED TO DO. HOWEVER, MATTERS CAME TO A HEAD RECENTLY, AND MANN ADVISED LEBER THAT HE COULD NO LONGER TOLERATE THE HARASSMENT TO WHICH HE WAS SUBJECTED BY THE SPD MEMBERS OF THE DEFENSE COMMITTEE. LEBER THEN AGREED TO ASK FOR MANN'S RETIREMENT.

2. GENERAL DR. KARL SCHNELL, CURRENTLY CINC AFCEM WILL SUCCEED MANN AS STATE SECRETARY.

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